

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY SELF SURRENDER FAQs

Criminal Department

QUESTION: WHAT TYPES OF WARRANTS ARE ISSUED BY JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY?

In general there are two types of warrants:

- 1) Bench Warrants are issued when a defendant does not appear for a scheduled court hearing. Because of this "Failure to Appear" the judicial officer authorizes law enforcement to make an arrest of the individual listed on the warrant. This also includes a bench warrant issued for a probation violation.
- 2) Arrest Warrants are issued to law enforcement when they have reasonable belief to suspect that a person has committed a crime.

QUESTION: HOW CAN I FIND OUT IF I HAVE A WARRANT OUT FOR MY ARREST FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY?

If you have access to a computer, you can complete your own research on the website listed below or call one of the number's listed below:

- 1) <https://apps.supremecourt.az.gov/publicaccess/caselookup.aspx> - Public access to court information
- 2) (602) 506-8575 – Criminal Court Administration Information Desk
- 3) (602) 223- 2271 – Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS)

QUESTION: HOW LONG IS A WARRANT IN EFFECT?

An arrest warrant stays in effect indefinitely until the individual is arrested. The warrant can only be resolved, "quashed or cancelled", by the issuing court.

QUESTION: WHAT CAN I DO IF I FIND OUT THAT I HAVE AN OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR MY ARREST AND THE WARRANT WAS ISSUED BY ANOTHER STATE?

You would contact the state and court that issued the warrant. If you are picked up in Arizona on a warrant for another state you could be extradited to that state.

QUESTION: WHAT CAN I DO IF I FIND OUT THAT I HAVE AN OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR MY ARREST IN MARICOPA COUNTY AND I LIVE IN ARIZONA?

It is always recommended that you seek legal representation as soon as you find out that you have a warrant. Your attorney will be able to confirm the facts of the warrant and may be able to file a motion to quash or resolve the warrant. If you do not have an attorney you can contact the court that issued the warrant for additional information.

QUESTION: WHAT CAN I DO IF I FIND OUT THAT I HAVE AN OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR MY ARREST AND I NO LONGER LIVE IN ARIZONA?

It is always recommended that you seek legal representation as soon as you find out that you have a warrant. Your attorney will be able to confirm the facts of the warrant and may be able to file a motion to quash or resolve the warrant. If you would like to take care of the warrant on your own without an attorney, follow the steps below. Your hearing can only be set with the court that issued the warrant.

If your warrant was issued due to a Maricopa County Probation violation contact (602) 372-0427 for additional information.

If your warrant was issued by a Superior Court Judge in Maricopa County you can contact (602) 506-8575 for the phone number of the judicial officer's division that issued the warrant.

QUESTION: WILL PAYING MY BOND AMOUNT CLEAR MY WARRANT?

No, it does not clear the warrant. Appearing before the judge that issued the warrant would clear the warrant. Just paying the bond amount does not clear the warrant.

QUESTION: I WISH TO PAY MY BOND BEFORE MY HEARING DATE WHAT CAN I DO?

If the warrant was for a Superior Court case in Maricopa County, following the instructions below to pay the bond. Then you would need to call (602) 506-8575 within ten (10) days, so that they could direct you to the correct court to schedule a new hearing date. If you fail to do so, you could forfeit the bond paid and a new warrant could be issued for your arrest.

- You can pay the bond amount at the 4th Avenue Jail at 201 South 4th Avenue in Downtown Phoenix. The Bonds and Fines entrance is located on the Lower Level. If you have any question you can call (602) 876-1000.
 - They accept U.S. currency, Western Union money orders, U.S. Postal money orders, and cashier's checks. Cashier's checks or money orders must be made payable to the **Maricopa County Sheriff's Office** and reference the inmate's name and booking number.
- If you would like to pay your Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County bond, you can do so at one of the locations listed in the link below:
http://clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/clerk_loc.asp
- If the bond is for one of the Municipal Courts in Maricopa County, click on the link below:
<http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/courtinformation/links.asp>
- If the bond is for one of the Justice Courts, click on the link below:
<http://justicecourts.maricopa.gov/>
- You can also contact a bail bonds company to explore other options. You can search the internet for "Bail Bond" listings. Court staff cannot not recommend a bonding company.
- It is important to note that once you paid the bond, and if you fail to appear at your next hearing your bond could be forfeited and a new warrant could be issued.

QUESTION: I WOULD LIKE TO SELF-SURRENDER DUE TO AN ORDER OF THE COURT OR A WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR MY ARREST, WHAT CAN I DO?

This would depend on the court that issued the warrant.

- 1) If your warrant was issued due to a Maricopa County Probation violation, you can call (602) 372-0427 for additional information.
- 2) If your warrant was issued by a Superior Court Judge in Maricopa County, you can call (602) 506-8575 for the phone number of the Division that issued the warrant.
- 3) If you have been ordered by the court to report to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to serve your sentence, you will report to the jail with the proper paperwork. You can click on the link below for additional information:

<https://www.mcso.org/InmateInfo/SelfSurrender>

- 4) If you have been ordered by the court to a Work Release sentence, you can click on the link below for additional information:

<https://www.mcso.org/InmateInfo/SelfSurrender>

NOTE: If you need further assistance with criminal court cases in the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County, please contact Criminal Court Administration (602) 506-8575.